

REMARKS

It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated August 23, 2006.

At the outset, the applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 - 40 have been allowed.

In the outstanding Action, the Examiner now requires that the Abstract and the drawings be amended in order to correct certain informalities therein, and to have this patent application pass to issue. In response, a substitute Abstract and corrected drawings (along with replacement and annotated sheets of drawings for Figures 1, 6 and 13 - 16) are submitted herewith.

The applicants respectfully request that the substitute Abstract, and corrected drawings, submitted herewith, be approved by the Examiner.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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Ex parte Quayle dated October 5, 2006
Reply to OA of August 23, 2006

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Substitute Abstract
Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections w/Figs. 1, 6 and 13-16.
(w/ replacement and annotated sheets of drawings)